

Mar. Mar. 1st '71,

Outrage on Capitol Hill - and shock, too - as you no doubt have heard by now. Congressional hawks and doves alike - bitterly condemning that early-morning bomb blast in a Senate washroom; all the more so - because it was committed supposedly in the name of peace.

Senator McGovern, for one, calling the bomb blast a "barbaric" act - blaming it on, quote, "our Vietnam madness." Chairman Jennings Randolph of the Senate Public Works Committee - ordering a full-scale ~~meeting~~ <sup>investigation</sup> as of nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Observing that "this incident - represents an attack on the very center of government itself." Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott - declaring that the Senate ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> not be "terrified" by these "terroristic attacks."

A statement was also issued in behalf of President Nixon - calling the explosion "a shocking act of violence;" one that "will be neither tolerated nor condoned by Americans who value our system and its institutions." The statement

adding that "every effort must be made - to apprehend and bring to justice those responsible;" a task now under the personal direction-- of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

DES MOINES

Meanwhile, President Nixon was paying a brief <sup>flying</sup> visit today - to Des Moines,  ~~Iowa~~ where he addressed a joint session of the Iowa State Legislature - and then conferred with four Midwest governors.

The President frankly attempting to build support - for his new Rural Community Development Plan - also, Federal-State revenue sharing. Contending that this would mean - more than One Billion in "direct dollar benefit to rural America." The President adding that rural America would further benefit from "special sharing" - in manpower, transportation, education and law enforcement programs.

Ultimate goal - said the President - a peaceful American revolution - returning "power to the people." ~~And,~~ ~~he observed:~~ "These changes can give us better government throughout all America" <sup>said he,</sup> "but they have special meaning for rural America."

LAOS

On the Laos war front - the squeeze is on tonight;  
- full people -  
with a force of Meo tribesmen - armed and trained by the  
U.S. - said to be driving southward across the Ho Chi Minh  
supply trail; attempting to link up with South Vietnamese  
units - newly-reinforced and now striving to drive north again.  
And the chief target - from both sides - we are told -  
once more the city of Sepone, a major Communist supply base.

**CAIRO**

*In the Middle East - Cairo - a meeting of top  
Palestinian leaders today; aimed at achieving a united front -  
in the face of a growing Arab peace movement.*

*At the same time, an effort today by the Soviet  
Union - to get peace talks rolling again. Soviet diplomats  
in Paris, London and Washington - pressing for an emergency  
meeting of Big Four Ambassadors. This following Israel's  
flat refusal - to promise a complete withdrawal to pre-  
Nineteen-Sixty-Seven borders; and it comes amid hints from  
Cairo - that it may refuse another cease-fire extension.*

SST

*Capitol Hill again - a meeting of the Senate*

*Appropriations Committee - to consider the fate of the SST -  
the supersonic transport. Lead-off witness - Transportation  
Secretary John Volpe; who flatly rejected charges that the  
new aircraft - would shatter ear drums, cause skin cancer,  
disrupt animal reproduction, even melt the polar ice cap.*

*Nothing of the sort - said Volpe. And he further  
urged Congress to make its final decision - "on the basis  
of facts rather than hysterical sloganeering;" for the facts  
will show - said he - that the SST will "in no way cause harm  
to our environment." Volpe adding that, indeed, the SST  
"must be built - if this nation of ours is to keep pace with the  
future."*

NEW DELHI

New Delhi - the polls opened today for the world's largest Democratic electorate. Tens of millions of Indians - pouring forth clear across that vast subcontinent of Hindustan; casting their ballots - in the first day of nationwide Parliamentary elections. The whole process - scheduled to take ten days in all; in the end - determining ~~the fate of~~ <sup>the fate of</sup> ~~life or death for~~ the government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

~~Incidentally,~~ <sup>did</sup> Madame Gandhi, suffering ~~ing~~ a minor setback - right at the outset; with her special campaign jet ~~forced~~ to make an emergency landing today, ~~near Koraput, this~~ delaying her appearance - at a last minute rally at ~~Jaipur~~ <sup>Jaipur</sup>. All-India Radio also reports at least ~~one~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~death~~ ~~in Bihar State~~ ~~and~~ <sup>- as well as</sup> a number of ~~shootings~~ <sup>gunshot wounds</sup>. ~~But up~~ ~~to now - we are told~~ For that part of the world <sup>not too</sup> ~~anyway~~ ~~pretty tame~~. turbulent - so far.

**BUFFALO**

*From Vice President ~~Spiro~~ Agnew - a statement today that he foresees no White House attempt - to purge any Republican Senators in Nineteen-Seventy-Two. This - in an interview appearing in the Buffalo Evening News; with the Vice President going on to make it plain - that he was referring specifically to Senator <sup>Mark</sup> Hatfield of Oregon.*

*Said Spiro Agnew: "Senator Hatfield may oppose the President - on nearly every issue that comes along,"*  
*~~But~~ this opposition - he continued - is "handled in the spirit of cooperation and the traditional moderateness of approach that goes into intraparty disagreements." The Vice President concluding: "Certainly, there would be no attempt to oppose him - on that basis."*



# WARSAW

Behind the Iron Curtain - in Communist Poland - a  
twenty per cent across-the-board price cut today; in effect,  
rolling back prices - to pre-Christmas levels. This ~~was~~ ~~you~~  
~~now~~ in response to those violent Polish riots late last  
year.

Whatever the reason ~~though~~ - the price cut setting  
off a tremendous shopping binge. Within an hour of opening  
- a number of Warsaw stores saying they would soon be sold  
out of their most popular items. One of these - we are told -  
"cherry jams which were cut <sup>by</sup> three zloties."

~~At a store like that~~ <sup>Saw</sup> three zloties? <sup>in jam?</sup> - who could you  
resist, Don.

## DOE MOUNTAIN

*From Doe Mountain near Allentown, Pennsylvania -  
final results in the first U.S. National Amputee Ski Races.  
Clarence Tuxbury of Moorestown, New Jersey, and Eric  
Weaver of Northville, New York - both of whom wear  
artificial limbs - both winning gold medals under the National  
Standard Race scoring system.*

*Other winners including: In the arm amputee division  
- John Kramer of Spring City, Michigan. In the tri-tracker  
division - using one regular ski and two hand-held outriggers  
- Claude Alexander of Ulysses, Kansas; and, in the double  
amputee division - David Trexler of Denver, Colorado; who  
survived a bad fall, but still managed to win from ~~to just nip~~ Alfio Leone of Buffalo, do  
a double amputee.  
For all who entered though, ~~really,~~ a tremendous*

*victory, don't you think?*